were issued during the years 1985, 1986& January, 1987;

Year	Letters of Intent	Industrial Licences
1985	1457	985 (including 544 COB licences)
1986	1130	618 (including 107 COB licences)
Jan. 1987	50	50 (including 8 COB licences)

(c) and (d) A letter of latent is granted with an initial validity period of one year and further extensions are also granted on adequate justification. After the entrepreneur fulfils the conditions of the letter of intent, the same is converted ino an industrial licence. The initial validity period of an industrial licence is two years within which the entrepreneur is expected to Jcommence production. However, further extensions beyond the initial validity period of two years can also he granted by the administrative Ministry concerned on genuine grounds. It generally takes about three to four years for an industrial project to fructify. Actual gestation period, however, varies from project to project If the holder 6f the letter of intent/industrial licence fails to impk-ment the letter of intent/industrial licence, the same is cancelled/revoked.

Pact to produce Trucks with Soviet Collaboration

604. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVIND-RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Soviet Union have entered into a pact with an Indian Company to produce 1-6 tonne capacity truck; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No such proposal has been received by the Government.

Project by BHEL for Aircraft Engines

605. SHRl DINKARRAO GOViND-RAO PATIL; Will the Minister of IN DUSTRY b_e pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has embarked on a project to adopt aircraft engines for its future gas turbines; and

(b) if iOwhat are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. Duty **Out** Light

Comercial Vehicles

606. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVIND-RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of IN DUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Hndustan Times' of the 28th December, 1986 captioned 'Duty out on L. C. V. s' (light commercial vehicles) not passed on to consumers'; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(h) the steps Government are taking to provide relief to consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM); (a) and, b) The new light com-